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Date: 16/2/78 By: 023I. Military SituationHighlights

UN forces advanced in all sectors, capturing the towns of Kumchon, Ichon, and Munchon, and trapping a large enemy force in the Kumchon area. Samchok is still in enemy hands. North Korean planes reappeared, making feeble attacks on Kumpo airfield and on a UN ship off Wolmido Island.

Ground

The US 1st Cavalry Division encircled a sizeable enemy force northwest of Kaesong as the 5th Cavalry Regiment seized Kumchon, more than ten miles above the 38th Parallel. The encircled enemy troops are battling desperately. To the east, ROK 1st Division troops advanced over ten miles northwest of Sibyon. Elements of the ROK 8th Division advanced northwest from Pyongyang and captured the town of Ichon, about 35 miles northeast of Kumchon. On the east coast, ROK units advanced 15 miles west of Wonsan to Kori, and ten miles north to Munchon. The northward advance is continuing beyond Munchon. UN forces in South Korea continued mopping up operations, but Samchok is still held by the enemy.

Navy

Helicopters are being used by UN naval units to locate mines in the Wonsan bay area, and minesweeping is continuing. Attempts are also being made to clear the way for minesweepers by precision bombing of mines located by air observation. Additional mines have been spotted along the east and west coasts. UN naval forces on the east coast bombarded numerous communication targets, including rail facilities and airfields, but exercised care not to damage the actual runways at the airfields.

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North Korean planes reappeared in feeble attacks. Two 500 pound bombs were dropped on the airfield at Kumpo, but did little damage. Two other bombs were dropped in an attack on a UN naval vessel just north of Wolmido Island, but both bombs missed the target. UN air forces flew 630 sorties, including 288 combat sorties in support of ground troops. Other sorties attacked marshalling yards and rail communications in North Korea, principally in the area northwest of Pyongyang. Cargo planes flew in a record 828 tons of freight.

**II. General Situation**

Another report of troops crossing the border from Manchuria into North Korea has been received, this time from the Netherlands Charge' d'Affairs in Peking. The report estimates the number at four divisions, unidentified, but presumed to be Chinese.

The Acting Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea has sent an urgent message to the United Nations, through US channels, stating that his government views with serious concern a reported resolution of the UN Interim Committee on Korea which would restrict the authority of the ROK government to the area south of the 38th Parallel, pending nationwide elections.

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